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SUBJ: UNITED STATES DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

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1. RE REFTEL, USDELS AT ECA CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS GENERALLY RIGHT SIZE. HOWEVER, THERE ARE PROBLEMS IN ACCREDITATION PROCESS FOR USDELS.

2. ECA EXECSEC GARDINER HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO EMBASSY THAT, FOR ECA CONFERENCE PLANNING PURPOSES, HE WANTS ADVANCE NOTICE EVEN WHEN USG UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, EMBASSY REQUESTED ECA PROVIDE PROMPT NOTICE OF UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS WHERE USG PARTICIPATION IS CONTEMPLATED. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, ACCREDITATION DIFFICULTIES HAVE ARISEN ON SEVERAL RECENT OCCASIONS. LAST MINUTE DESIGNATION OF AID/ETHIOPIA OFFICER AS OBSERVER AT FOURTH MEETING OF NON-UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED IN POPULATION WORK IN AFRICA CAUSED EMBARRASSING SITUATION AS DID LATE NOTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBER US OBSERVER DEL TO ECA CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE. MORE RECENTLY, EMBASSY FORCED DELAY INFORMING ECA OF AID OBSERVER PARTICIPATION AT SECOND SUBREGIONAL WORKSHOP ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA DUE TO LACK OF PROPER ACCREDITATION THROUGH IO/CMD.

3. WHILE EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S PAST EFFORTS IN THIS AREA, GREATER ATTENTION TO ACCREDITATION PROCESS IMPERATIVE IF USG IS TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH ECA.

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